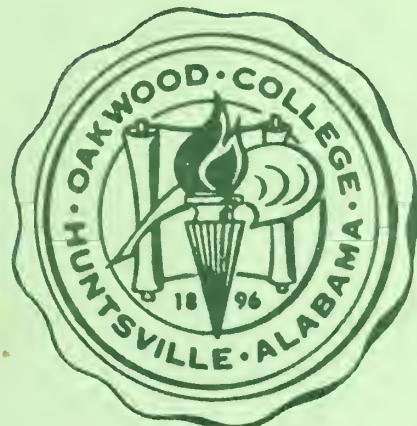


11th Annual Alumni Homecoming

"Building for Excellence, Building for Service,
Building for Eternity"

March 23 - 26, 1978



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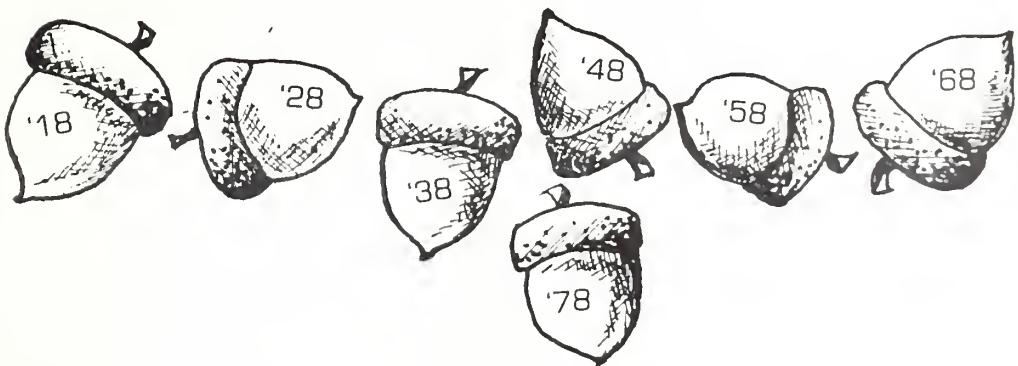
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THE OAKWOOD COLLEGE

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Welcome

As president of The National Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association, I would like to express the sincere good wishes of the national chapter officers, local chapter officers, the Oakwood College community and to all of you who are present as representatives of many churches and cities across America.

It is my hope that the deliberations and activities of these three days will presage the dawn of a bright new day in the history of our commitment and support for Oakwood College and its Alumni Association. Welcome to Homecoming "78".

L. A. Paschal, President
National Alumni Association



If They Could Only See Us Now

They had names like Mary, Frances, Samuel, Etta and Frank and they came from places like Alabama, Mississippi and Kentucky. They cooked on pot-bellied stoves and bathed in huge round tubs. They rode horse-drawn buggies and split logs with axes. They plowed behind mules, lit oil lamps and pumped handles of wells to get the water they carried in large pails. My, if they could only see us now! If they could only see our library, our natatorium, our church. If they could only see our cars and clothes. If they could know that eighty-two years later we have grown from 16 students to 1340 with an alumni numbering several thousand and thousands more whom we claim by adoption. If they could only see that the original acreage has grown from 360 to 1144 and that Oakwood has become the hub of Black adventist culture, I believe they would be happy and proud to have been the wellspring of what has grown to be a mighty ocean of learning, of fellowship and of progress. I believe that if they could see us now, they would be thrilled, inspired and grateful. So on their behalf and in appreciation of their ministry and the services of all their descendants, the cumulative effects of whose living we see in today's joys, I say WELCOME! I say thanks — and I only wish they could see us now!

C. B. Rock
President



It's good to have you once again to participate in the fellowship and the work of the Oakwood College Alumni Association. This has been a decisive year for the College; involving continued enrollment increases, the opening of the new church, and the formulation of extensive plans for campus expansion and development.

While you are here this weekend enjoying the camaraderie of old friends and feasting on the renewed sights and sounds of our beloved Alma Mater, think also of the importance of your individual participation in the activities of the Association. Now, like never before Oakwood needs the full commitment and support of the total Alumni constituency. Together, we can make a difference.

Thanks for your service in the past and let's look forward to greater impact in the future.

R. Timothy McDonald
Director of Development



A Message of Welcome

"Glad to know you"..."Happy to have you with us"..."Welcome to Oakwood College"...These familiar words of greeting convey my pleasure in having you join us in the eleventh annual celebration of the Oakwood College National Alumni Homcoming Weekend. The Coordinating Advisory Council and I, along with our experienced and efficient planning staff of several standard and sub committees realize that the success of this Weekend depends upon you — the lifeblood of the Association.

In keeping with our commitment to extend exquisite, courteous, and hospitable service to each of you, many of the suggestions you passed on to us have been implemented as we have confidence in your ability to know what it is you want for your Homecoming celebration. You have our vote of sincere thanks in exchange for your helpful efforts, constructive criticisms, creative suggestions, and continued loyalty to this Homecoming event.

We trust that this Weekend will be all that you hoped it would be and that it will be a unique experience which you will long remember. Together let us strive to exemplify our theme, "BUILDING FOR EXCELLENCE, BUILDING FOR SERVICE, BUILDING FOR ETERNITY". May this spirit of Christian fellowship be ours to enjoy until Christ comes.

Ola Dawson
1978 Homecoming Weekend Coordinator



Welcome

by

Eric Calvin Ward, Pastor

Oakwood College Church of Seventh-day Adventist
Huntsville, Alabama

*To the Alumni of Oakwood College far and near,
Who came these hallowed hours with us to share,
We welcome you with open arms,
And smiles of sincere cheer.*

*Your presence brings us warmth.
Your memories, stir our hearts.
Your hand shake it is true,
Means loyalty, friendship, and much love too.*

*So in this eight-second alumni year,
Signs all about us make it firm, and clear,
That of our blessed Lord, so very dear,
His glorious coming tis' near.*

*Thus to this campus, and with this hope,
We welcome you, our friends of note.
And trust, that when such gatherings
as this shall end,
We'll meet you way up "there",
As our alumni, students, and friends of cheer.*



Dear Alumni:

— by birth or adoption, we welcome you as a part of the body of Christ. You are special to the Oakwood College Church as a portion of His family. We are glad for the Oakwood College sanctuary which stands as a "house of prayer for all people". We pray it will serve as your beacon to reverence and worship of our soon coming King.

R. E. Tottress, Co-Pastor
Oakwood College Church

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Donna, Sherrel, Pamela, Nora and
many other students.

Registration

Blake Center

Thursday, March 23, 1978
12:00 Noon - 9:00 p.m.

and

Friday, March 24, 1978
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The J. L. Moran Chapter
Susie Shurney - Coordinator

College Switchboard	837-1630
National Alumni Office	Ext. 317
Coordinator - Ola Dawson	Ext. 341

Daytime Recreations

X. Butler Chairperson

Golf Tournament

L. Ross	Coordinator
Jetport Golf Course	10: a.m., Friday, March 24
(Highway 20 West)	and
	7 a.m., Sunday, March 26
Entrance Fee	\$12.00

Space & Rocket Center Tours

E. Wright	Coordinator
	Depart - 11 a.m., Friday, March 24
	and
	10:30 a.m., Sunday, March 26

Tennis Tournament

W. McKenzie	Coordinator
Oakwood College	1 p.m., Friday, March 24
	and
	8 a.m., Sunday, March 26
Singles	\$6.00 per participant
Doubles	\$3.00 per participant

Volleyball

X. Butler	Coordinator
Ashby Gymnatorium	11:00 - 2:00, Friday, March 24

1000 Acre Tour

J. Dykes	Coordinator
Ashby Gymnatorium	Depart - 10 a.m., Sunday, March 26

Kick-Off Program

Thursday Evening
March 23, 1978
Ashby Gymnatorium

J. Melancon, Coordinator

Assts. — W. Posey, J. Mack
and V. Norman

A Multi-Media Presentation

"Life At The Oaks: 1930-1978"

Vesper Service

**Friday, March 24, 1978, 5:30 p.m.
Oakwood College Church**

Song Service	1958, K. Leon Johnson
Opening Song	"City of Light", 1938, Walter Kissack
Opening Prayer	1958, Lawrence Jacobs, Jr.
Scripture	1968, Donald Monroe
Welcome	1968, Bettye Nichols
Welcome	Lee A. Paschal, President Oakwood National Alumni Association
Greetings	Ola Dawson, Coordinator Alumni Weekend
Announcements	1948, Frances Bliss
Introduction of Speaker	1948, J. T. Stafford *
Special Music	1948, Lester Valentine
Benediction	1928, Harold Kibble
Pianist: 1948, Velma Beeman	Organist: Marcellus Breach

*Program Chairperson

Fellowship Supper

Geraldine Ogburn, Chairperson
Blake Center Cafeteria
Friday, March 24, 1978, 7:30 p.m.
(Immediately Following Vespers)

Menu

Enchiladas and Spanish Rice
Cole Slaw
Rolls
Lemonade
Sherbet

Sabbath School

**Sabbath, March 25, 1978, 9:15 a.m.
Von Braun Civic Center**

Song Service	1978, Yvonne Parker
Opening Song	1978, Patricia Smith
Scripture	1978, Sylvia Harrison
Prayer	1938, Harold Singleton
Introduction Co-Superintendent	1978, Thompson Kay Class President
Music	1978, Cornelius Stewart
Acknowledgements	1948, George Earle Program Chairperson
Welcome	1978, Jeanetta Rainey
Minutes	1978, Griselda Byers
Mission Report	1978, Linwood Stone
Music	1978, Freda Wallace
Offertory	Xavier Butler
Lesson Study	1978 Class Gilbert Anderson, Coordinator

"The Creator and the Restoration"

Sunday ("Sojourn in Heaven")	Tyrone Boyd
Monday ("The First & Second Deaths")	John Trusty
Tuesday ("The Earth Purified")	Preston Foster
Wednesday ("A New Creation")	Earl Hubbard
Thursday ("Jesus With His People")	Francis Toyloy
Friday ("Eternal Perfection")	Gilbert Anderson
Music	1978, Marcia Jones
Remarks	Thompson Kay
Closing Prayer	1978, Dwayne Williams

Pianist: Francis Blake

Organist: Arnold Dean

Divine Worship

Saturday, March 25, 1978, 10:45 A.M.

L. A. Paschal, Chairperson

Von Braun Civic Center

Invocation	1968, B. P. Browne Pastor, Lake Region Conference
Music	First Church Young Adult Choir, Huntsville Director, Cleveland Wilson
Welcome and Special Announcements	L. A. Paschal President National Association & Program Chairperson
	Eric C. Ward Pastor, Oakwood College Church
	Joe Davis, Mayor of Huntsville
	1938, C. D. Henri Chairman, Oakwood College Board
	Calvin B. Rock President of Oakwood College
	1928, Mrs. Thelma Winston-Kibble
Acknowledgements	L. A. Paschal
	Ola Dawson Coordinator, Alumni Weekend
Hymn of Worship (They Come From the East and West #453)	R. E. Tottress Assoc. Pastor, Oakwood College Church
Scripture	James C. Hicks Chaplain, National Alumni Association
Prayer	1948, G. R. Earle President, Northeastern Conference
Offertory	L. A. Paschal
Music	First Church Young Adult Choir, Huntsville
Introduction of Speaker	1938, A. R. Carethers Pastor, Southwest Region Conference
Music	Michelle Cleveland Columbus, Ohio
Sermon	1938, W. J. Cleveland Pastor, Ephesus Church, Birmingham, Alabama
Music	The Lawhorne Sisters Bethany Church, Miami, Florida
Closing Hymn	1948, Frances Bliss
Benediction	D. B. Reid Pastor, First Church, Huntsville

Pianist: Antoinette Wilson

Organist: Ted Breach

Director: Mr. & Mrs. Cleveland T. Wilson

National Alumni Association Honors Program

Oakwood College Church Sanctuary

Sabbath, March 25, 1978

4:00 p.m.

Part I

Organ Prelude	1968, Gerald Penick
Processional	
Invocation	Adell Warren College, Business Manager
Greetings	1948, Jessie G. Bradley Program Chairperson
Recognition of the 8's	Ola Dawson
Introduction of 1978 Honors Committee	Ruth Stafford Committee Chairperson
Presentation of Certificates	Minneola Williams, W. C. Jones, Frank Davis, Edna Lett Williamson, Connie Mayfield Strong
T. T. Frazier, Posthumously	Celia Frazier South Central Regional Vice President
Allegheny East	1938, W. A. Thompson
Allegheny West	1938, Sarah Lester
Central States	1959, Sherman Cox
Lake Region	1959, Conrad Gill
Northeastern	1968, Eardell Rashford
Pacific Union	1949, Angela Wilson
Musical Salute	The Singing Men
South Atlantic	J. Mark Cox
South Central	1938, C. T. Richards
Southwest	1938, A. R. Carethers
Presentation of Honorees	Lee Paschal
Musical Salute to Parents	Edwina Humphrey
Parents of the Year	Edward and Margaret Humphrey
Musical Salute to a Distinguished Lady	Edrene Malcolm
Alumna of the Year	1954, Eunice J. Winston
Musical Salute to a Distinguished Gentleman	C. Dunbar Henri, II
Alumnus of the Year	1938, C. Dunbar Henri
Music	Congregation
	"A City of Light", 1938, Kissack

Part II

Joseph Rhyne — Program Chairperson

The Thousands	Calvin Rock and Joseph Rhyne
The Five Hundreds	Jessie Bradley
The Two Hundreds	Vernon Jenkins
The Hundreds	E. E. Cleveland
The Fifties	Lee Paschal
The Rest	James White
The Grand Total	A. S. Rashford
Musicians Features	Brian Jones and the Lawhane Sisters

Sabbath Evening Vespers

Saturday, March 25, 1978, 5:30 P.M.
Oakwood College Sanctuary

Opening Song and Scripture	1938	Advice H. Graham
Prayer.....	1928	H. D. Singleton
Welcome		Mervyn Warner Dean of the College
Introduction of Speakers		C. D. Henri Program Chairperson
Special Music	1978	J. P. Willis, Jr.
Speakers	1948	Jessie G. Bradley
	1968	Eardell Rashford
Special Music.....	1978	William Earl Dykes
Final Speaker	1948	Ruth D. Wheeler
Ending Song (Day is Dying)		L. A. Paschal President, National Alumni Association
Closing Prayer		W. A. Thompson Executive Secretary Columbia Union Conference
Announcements.....		Ola Dawson Coordinator, '78



Eleventh Annual Banquet for Oakwood Alumni

Saturday Night - March 26, 1978

8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Remarks	R. T. McDonald Saturday Night Programs
Welcome	Vernon Jenkins Banquet Coordinator
Blessing	L. A. Paschal Alumni President
Presentation of Instrumentalist	J. A. Rhyne Saturday Night Programs

※※ Delightful Music While You Dine ※※

FRANKIE D'MERRILL - CLASSICAL GUITARIST

Closing Prayer.....	C. B. Rock College President
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MENU

COLD BAR

Salads:

Potato
Cole
Tossed
Turkey
Fruit

HOT BAR

Italian Meatballs
Chicken Croquette
Won Ton

DESSERT AND BREAD BAR

Cake Cubes
Apple Chunks
Assorted Cheeses
Fondues
Bread and Crackers

Musicale

Oakwood College Sanctuary

9:45 - 11:15

All Registered Guests Free

Master of Ceremony Victor Brooks

Participants

Stanley Ware	Wintley Phipps
C. B. Tivy	Diane Medley
L. B. Hampton Singers	Ronald Murphy
David Hudson	Edward Jackson
Michelle Cleveland	Lawhorne Sisters
Thomas Murphy Singers	Earl Calloway
Walter Arties	Blend Wright Trio
Ernest Keller	Brown - Gresham
Bryan Jones	Edwina Humphrey

BASKETBALL

8:00 p.m.
Butler Senior High School
3401 Holmes Avenue N.W.

Netburners vs. Columbus Warriors

All Registered Guests Free
Others - \$1.00
Joseph A., Rhyne,
Coordinator

MOVIE

8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Moran Hall
All Registered Guests Free
Others - \$1.00
Children under 12, \$.50
O.C. Students with I.D. Cards Free
Charles Miller, Jr.,
Coordinator



About Our Speakers

Edwin J. Humphrey

Elder Edwin J. Humphrey was born in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Oakwood College in 1948 with a degree in theology.

He began his ministerial work in 1948 in the South Central Conference, interning in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Elder Humphrey has pastored churches in Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, and New York. He has served as boys counselor at the Whetchler Junior High School in Meridian, Mississippi.

Elder Humphrey is married to the former Margaret Daniels and is the father of five children.



William James Cleveland

Elder William James Cleveland was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the oldest son of William and Eunice Cleveland. He graduated from Oakwood College in 1938, and was awarded the honorary LLD from Union Baptist Seminary.

His pastoral responsibilities included the following churches: Paducah and Lexington, Kentucky; Seattle, Washington; Dallas and San Antonio, Texas; Shreveport, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana; and Birmingham, Alabama. He served as president of the Southwest Region Conference from 1969 to 1976.

He is married to the former Rita Thompson. To this union were born William, Jr., Celia Marie, Paul Richard and Cynthia Elaine, all graduates of Oakwood College Academy. Three are graduates of Oakwood College and the youngest is a senior (class of '78).

Ruth E. Wheeler

Mrs. Ruth E. Wheeler graduated from Oakwood Adacemy and Oakwood College with a B.A. in English. She received her graduate degree from the University of the District of Columbia, formerly D. C. Teachers College.

She has worked as a typist and editorial assistant at the Pentagon, Seventh-day Adventist Church school teacher, and is presently employed as a teacher for the D. C. public school system.



Jessie Godley Bradley

Dr. Jessie Godley Bradley received her Bachelor's Degrees from Oakwood College (1948) and from Southern Connecticut State College where she also earned the Masters Degree, the Sixth Year Professional Diploma and her Doctor of Philosophy degree were received from the University of Connecticut. She has received fellowships for the study of economics, education of the handicapped, the disadvantaged, and socialist education. She holds Connecticut Certification for the Superintendent of Schools, Elementary Principal, Intermediate Supervisor and Administrator, and Teacher (kindergarten eight).

Dr. Bradley presently serves on the Board of Directors of the Southern Connecticut Chapter of the American Red Cross, The National Council of Administrative Women in Education, the Arts Council of Greater New Haven, the Rehabilitation Center, Volunteer Clearing House of Greater New Haven, and the Sickle Cell Board of Advisors.

In 1973 she was appointed Director of Elementary Schools and in July 1977, Dr. Bradley was appointed as an Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

She holds membership in a number of professional and civic organizations including: Phi Delta Kappa-National Fraternity for Research, Service and Leadership, Pi Lambda Theta-National Honor and Professional Association in Education, American Association of School Administrators, American Association of University Women, National Council of Administrative Women in Education, American Temperance Society, The Creative Network of Women Administrators in New England, etc.

Dr. Bradley and her husbnd, William O. Bradley reside in New Haven, Connecticut, with their seventeen year old son, Edwin.

Eardell Jenner Rashford

Eardell Jenner Rashford was born on July 31, 1946 in New York City. She was graduated from Oakwood College in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, and from Howard University School of Law in 1971 with the Juris Doctor degree.

In law school Miss Rashford was on the Freshman Orientation Committee, the Law Week Committee, member of Kappa Beta Phi, and international legal sorority, and member of the Washington D.C. Food Stamp Advisory Committee.

From 1971 to 1972 she was employed as Law Clerk for the Civil Branch of the New York City Legal Aid Society. She is presently employed as a Senior Consumer Specialist for the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs.

Miss Rashford has been a member of the R. T. Hudson Elementary School Board, as well as member of the Board of Directors for the Upper Park Avenue Corporation. Currently she is a member of the New York Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Associatin and a member and treasurer of the New York Chapter of the Black Women Lawyers' Association.

Her awards include a citation for "services and accomplishment in the field of consumer protection" in 1970-1971, and for "outstanding community sevice" from the Ephesus Church of Seventh-day Adventists in 1972.

Our 1978 Honorees

Parents of the Year

Elder and Mrs. E. J. Humphrey

Elder Edwin J. Humphrey, Sr. and Mrs. Margaret Daniels Humphrey are natives of Detroit, Michigan and St. Augustine, Florida, respectively. Both are graduates of Oakwood College in the field of Religion.

This couple has been blessed with the following children:

Edwina Jeanette is a student at Juillard School of Music, and is pursuing her Master of Arts degree. She is a graduate of Oakwood College.

Edwin James, Jr. is a teacher at Ramah Elementary School in Savannah, Georgia. He is a graduate of Oakwood College with a major in Elementary Education. He is married and the father of twins - a girl and a boy.
Shona *Shawn*

Virgil Alexander is a teacher at the Bethel Elementary School in Brooklyn, New York. He is an Oakwood College graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion. He is married and will be a father in May or June.

Louis Carl is nursing at the New York Veterans Administration Hospital at St. Albans, New York. He is a graduate of Oakwood College Academy, and pursued the Nursing course at Oakwood College.

Calvin Lee was graduated from Northeastern Academy, and is a freshman student at Oakwood College, pursuing the Nurses' course.

Elder Humphrey is at present pastor of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church in New York City. Mrs. Humphrey serves as Secretary to the Treasurer of Northeastern Conference in New York City.

Both of the Humphreys are faithful and loyal members of the New York Chapter of Oakwood College Alumni Association and are strong supporters of the College.



Alumna of the Year

Eunice E. Winston

Mrs. Eunice E. Winston was born in Blyth, California. At the age of 14 she became a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mrs. Winston is a graduate of the Oakwood Academy. She received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Oakwood College. She is a graduate of the California Western University Law School with a Juris Doctor Degree.

Mrs. Winston is the treasurer for the City of San Diego, California, and has held that post since July 1, 1976.

Some of the duties and responsibilities of the City Treasurer are as follows:

Administers the City's business license ordinances;

Studies the securities market and makes appropriate investments of surplus city funds;

Issues and maintains improvement bonds;

Administers the City's Deferred Compensation Plan;

Supervises collections efforts for claims held by the City.

Prior to this appointment, Mrs. Winston was Administrator for the City of San Diego Model Cities Program. Her professional career has also included the following:

Deputy Model Cities Director

Accountant for City Auditor and Comptroller

Legal Accountant

Mrs. Winston is married to Mr. Arnold Winston, who is Assistant Vice-President and Manager of California First Bank, in San Diego. They have a daughter, Angela, age 15, who is a student at the San Diego Academy.



Alumnus of the Year

Coleridge Dunbar Henri

Elder Coleridge Dunbar Henri, General Vice President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist and Chairman of the Oakwood College Board was born in Clarendon, Arkansas on July 7, 1912. He graduated from Oakwood Junior College in 1938 and received the Th.B. degree from Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts in 1941. In 1965 he received his M.A. degree from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Elder Henri was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1945 after having pastored in the Lake Region Conference since 1941. He was pastor and district leader in the Liberian Mission in West Africa from 1945 to 1947. From 1948 to 1951 he was evangelist of the Liberian Mission and principal of the Konola Academy in that region. He served as secretary of the Ministerial Association and evangelist of the West African Union Mission at Accra, Ghana, from 1955 to 1957. He then became editor of the "West African Advent Messenger", and served in that capacity, in addition to his other duties, from 1957 to 1964. From 1965 to 1966 he pastored in Orlando, Florida, and then served as secretary of the Educational and Youth Departments in South Atlantic Conference from 1966 to 1967. After another stint at pastoring in the South Atlantic Conference from 1967 to 1970, he became president of the East African Union at Nairobi, East Africa, in which capacity he served from 1970 to 1973 before being elected to the General Vice Presidency of the General Conference, a position which he presently holds.

It is interesting to note that Elder Henri was knighted by His Excellency Dr. William V. S. Tubman as Knight Commander of the Liberian Order of Human Redemption.

Elder Henri was married to Lorraine Delores Davis of Saint Louis, Missouri in 1943, and to this union were born Burdetta Leona, Patricia Elaine and Coleridge Dunbar, II.

Certificates of Merit

W. A. Thompson

Elder William Albert Thompson was born in Tampa, Florida; however, his family moved to the southern area of New Jersey when he was quite young.

He had planned to further his education, after completing high school, by entering a pre-medical course on a scholarship grant. After reading of the religious discipline offered at Oakwood Jr. College, he decided that he would study for a half year at Oakwood before going on to a State University.

One week at Oakwood changed the course of his life and he remained at Oakwood, without a scholarship, and worked his way through college.

While at this Christian school, he received a definite call from God to enter the Gospel Ministry. After graduation, he served as a ministerial apprentice under Elder H. W. Kibble, Sr. in the northern part of the New Jersey Conference.

His pastoral responsibilities included churches in Charleston and Huntington, West Virginia; Camden, Bridgeton, Jericho, Atlantic City and Whitesboro, New Jersey; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Baltimore, and Annapolis, Maryland.

His administrative duties encompassed Treasurer of the Allegheny Conference; President of the Allegheny East Conference; Executive Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

While pastoring in Washington, D.C., he was able to continue his education at Howard University and the S.D.A. Theological Seminary. Recently, he was awarded an honorary LLD Degree.

Sarah Merideth Lester

Sarah Merideth Lester is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas Merideth of Atlanta, Ga. She obtained her elementary and secondary education in the public schools of Atlanta before coming to Oakwood in 1938.

She graduated from Oakwood Jr. College in 1940 and in that same year accepted a teaching position in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mrs. Lester taught for a number of years before completing her undergraduate work at Columbia Union College, and before beginning graduate study at the University of Cincinnati.

She has spent a total of twenty (20) years in the Adventist educational system serving as teacher, vice principal and principal.

Sarah is married to Elder Jethro H. Lester, a 1938 Oakwood graduate. They have one daughter, Lillian Lester Redcross.

Mrs. Lester presently works in the Columbus Public School System, the Department of Adult Education. She taught in the system five years and then moved into administration where she is coordinator of vocational programs for adults with special needs.

Certificates of Merit (continued)

Elder S. H. Cox

Elder S. H. Cox was born in August, 1934. He is a graduate of Oakwood College in the class of 1960. He received his M.A. degree from Andrews University in 1961, and the D.D. degree from the college of Divine Metaphysics in 1962.

Elder Cox began his ministry as a pastor in the South Central Conference. His years of service in this field were outstanding for successful soul winning activity.

Elder Cox served in the M.V. Education, Temperance and Communication Departments of the Central States Conference. He has rendered effective service in Youth Ministry, Temperance Campaigns, Church Improvement Projects and Christian Education.

Elder Cox is married to Loleta Simpson. They have three children: Sherman, II, Shawn, and Shane.

Conrad Lloyd Gill

Conrad L. Gill, the sixth child of Mable F. and the late Robert A. Gill, was born June 1, 1938 in Penn Yan, New York. He attended public schools from grades K-12. In September of 1956 he enrolled at Atlanta Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. In January of 1959 he transferred from Atlanta Union to Oakwood College.

Elder Gill received his B.A. degree in Theology from Oakwood College in May of 1960. In February of 1962 he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and in April of the same year he was united in marriage to Mildred Willis of Buffalo, New York. While in the army he served most of his duty in England as a Security Intelligence Operator for the Army Security Agency. His wife (Mildred) journeyed to England with him; and while they were there both Keith (now 14) and Pamela (now 13) were born.

Elder Gill attended Georgia State University taking courses in Urban Life Studies. He received his M.A. in Education from Atlanta University in May of 1972, and continuing at Atlanta University took course work toward an Educational Specialists degree.

Elder Conrad Gill has rendered outstanding service in the M.V. and Education Departments of the South Atlantic Conference. He was employed as a full time Bible teacher for Andrews University Academy in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Elder Gill is now serving as an associate pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church at Andrews University. His specific responsibility is Campus Ministry.

Angela Stewart Wilson

Mrs. Angela Stewart Wilson was born in Baltimore, Maryland. She was a student at the Oakwood College Academy and attended Oakwood College for one year.

Mrs. Wilson pursued her graduate studies at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and at the University of Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, with major emphasis in Elementary Education.

Her teaching career and experience include a number of years as principal of the Anna Knight Elementary School, and her present position as a teacher in the Demonstration School of the Education Department of the Undergraduate Division of Loma Linda University, Riverside Campus.

Mrs. Wilson has dedicated time, talent, and effort to the promotion of the program of the Oakwood College Alumni Association for a number of years. This organization has been benefited by her enthusiasm, her pleasing personality and her ability to work with others. In 1972, she was elected to the presidency of the national organization. Mrs. Wilson fulfilled this responsibility with her usual devotion and determination.

Certificates of Merit (continued)

J. Mark Cox, M.D.

Dr. Mark Cox, was born in Washington, D.C. His education and training were achieved at Oakwood Jr. College, Pacific Union College - B.A., Loma Linda University Medical School - M.D., Freedman's Hospital - Internship, Howard University Hospital, John Hopkins University - Surgical Program.

Dr. Cox has served as a teacher at Meharry Medical College and Howard University Medical College. His administrative service record includes: Medical Director, Riverside Hospital, Nashville and Phillips Hospital, Orlando. Chief Surgeon, Air Force Hospital, Germany and V.A. Hospital, Tuskegee.

Dr. Cox has been affiliated with a number of hospitals in the State of Florida, and has served on various Boards, including the Board of Trustees of Oakwood College.

Dr. Cox is a Diplomat of National Board of Medical Examiners and of the American Board of Surgery. He is a Fellow of American College of Surgeons and a Fellow of International College of Surgeons.

He is presently the National President of the Black Adventist Medical-Dental Association.

Dr. Cox is married to the former Elaine Butler. They have three children.

Clarence T. Richards

Clarence T. Richards is a native of New York City. He was attracted to and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a young man. This event altered the purposes and ambitions of his life.

He attended Oakwood Jr. College and graduated with the class of 1938. Elder Richards matriculated at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in 1938, and obtained his undergraduate degree in 1940. He was called to the Illinois Conference of S.D.A. to serve as an intern under the supervision of Elder T. H. Allison.

From 1940-1947, Elder Richards served as a pastor in the Illinois, Lake Region and Allegheny Conferences. In 1947 he accepted a call to teach at Oakwood College. After serving as a teacher for several years, Elder Richards attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. By 1962 he completed the requirements for the Masters and Bachelor of Divinity degrees.

Elder Richards is married to the former Miss Genevieve A. Laurence. They have three children; Clarence, Jr., Philip and Carmen, and one granddaughter. Elder Richards has served for a number of years as Chairman of the Department of Religion.

A. R. Carethers

Elder A. R. Carethers was born in Rockdale, Texas. He began his elementary education in his home town and completed his college work at Oakwood College with the class of 1938.

Elder Carethers has served as a successful pastor in a number of cities in the Southwest Region. Some of his pastorates include churches in Ft. Worth, Houston, Galveston, San Antonio, Little Rock, Hot Springs and Ardmore. He is now the pastor of the Smyrna Church in Houston, Texas.

Elder Carethers has rendered outstanding services as an administrator. He has held the following positions: secretary-treasurer, book center manager, lay activities director. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Southwest Region Conference from 1946 to 1975.



